



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Tsutomu SHIGA et al.

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For: STARTER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants provide the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 17-21 as follows:

17. A starter according to claim 1, wherein said reduction gear mechanism has a speed reduction ratio of 6.6:1 to 8.25:1.

18. A starter according to claim 1, wherein said reduction gear mechanism has a speed reduction ratio of 6.66:1 to 7.5:1.

19. A starter according to claim 15, wherein said module of said sun gear includes 0.8 and excludes 1.25.

20. A starter according to claim 19, wherein said dedendum diameter of said sun gear is from 5.2 mm to 8.4 mm.

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